

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. An animal litter box liner comprised of flexible, sheet-like material having a thickness and further having an area provided with dimensions sufficient to permit at least entirely lining an inside of a litter box, and having a plurality of spaced-apart perforations through the thickness of the flexible material approximately centrally within the area thereof.

a 1 2. An animal litter box liner for use ~~in combination~~ with finely ground litter which forms clumps upon exposure to moisture, said litter box liner being comprised of a flexible, sheet-like material having a thickness and an area having dimensions sufficient to permit at least entirely lining an inside of a litter box, and having a plurality of spaced-apart perforations through the thickness of said liner approximately centrally within the area of said liner to thereby provide a means for sifting dry litter from said liner into the litter box while simultaneously retaining clumps of urine-soiled litter within said liner when said liner is lifted above the litter box. 2 1

a 2 3. The litter box liner of claim 1, wherein the flexible, sheet-like material of said liner is biodegradable.

a 3 4. The litter box liner of claim 1, wherein the flexible, sheet-like material of said liner is plastic, said plurality of

a 4 5. The litter box liner of claim 1, wherein the perforations through the thickness of the flexible, sheet-like material of said liner are holes each having a diameter of three-eighths of an inch. 2 1

a 5 6. The litter box liner of claim 1, wherein a center of each said perforation is approximately one inch from a center of any adjacent perforation. plurality of perforations 2 1

a 6 7. The litter box liner of claim 1, wherein said liner is provided with 42 said perforations arranged in six rows and seven columns. plurality of F

*a* 7 <sup>21</sup> 8. The litter box liner of claim ~~1~~<sup>21</sup>, wherein the flexible, sheet-like material is constructed in the form of a rectangular envelope having a seam along a bottom edge thereof.

*a* 8 <sup>21</sup> 9. The litter box liner of claim ~~1~~<sup>21</sup>, wherein said liner is comprised of seamless flexible, sheet-like material.

*a* 9 <sup>8</sup> 10. The litter box liner of claim ~~8~~<sup>8</sup>, wherein said liner area is substantially rectangular in shape.

*a* 10 <sup>8</sup> 11. The litter box liner of claim ~~9~~<sup>8</sup>, wherein said liner area is substantially oval in shape.

*a* 11 <sup>9</sup> 12. The litter box liner of claim ~~10~~<sup>9</sup>, wherein corner portions of said liner have been removed so as to provide said liner with a substantially cross-like shape.

13. The litter box liner of claim 12, wherein said perforations are provided substantially to one side, but adjacent to a central longitudinal axis of said liner.

14. The litter box liner of claim 13, wherein a pocket is provided within said liner area, said pocket having an open edge facing said perforation opposite the central longitudinal axis of said liner.

*a* 12 <sup>21</sup> 15. The litter box liner of claim ~~1~~<sup>21</sup>, wherein said liner is provided with a pocket having an open edge facing said perforations for retention of waste material within said pocket for providing a means to thereby neatly transfer urine-soiled litter from the litter box to a waste receptacle without leaving small bits of litter on a floor surface between the litter box and the waste receptacle.

*a* 13 <sup>3</sup> 16. The litter box liner of claim ~~2~~<sup>3</sup>, wherein said perforations are provided substantially to one side, but adjacent to a central longitudinal axis of said liner.

*a* 14 <sup>13</sup> 17. The litter box liner of claim ~~16~~<sup>13</sup>, wherein a pocket is provided within said liner area, said pocket having an open edge facing said perforations opposite the central longitudinal axis of said liner.

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